GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE OF ICFRE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack of deficient planning and inaccurate assessment, 80 staff quarters were constructed without any need with the result an expenditure of Rs.3.33 crore has been incurred at Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into for wasteful expenditure;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and action taken against the persons found guilty; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to check wasteful expenditure?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) had constructed 80 additional residential quarters at the Arid Forest Research Institute (AFRI), Jodhpur at a total cost of Rs.3.33 crore to accommodate all its staff. Due to the ban imposed on filling up of the posts through direct recruitment, 72 out of 80 quarters have remained unoccupied. The matter has been reviewed by the Board of Governors of ICFRE and decision has been taken to rent out the surplus quarters to the Central Government Departments/Organisations based at Jodhpur.